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SUBJ: CIVAIR: US/ARGENTINE ARRANGEMENT

REF: STATE 198762

1. SUBSTANCE REFTEL WAS PASSED ORALLY TO DR TETTAMANTI AT FIRST OPPORTUNITY, AFTERNOON OCTOBER 11. AFTER ABSORBING SEVERAL POINTS MADE BY DCM, TETTAMANTI REQUEST THAT EMBASSY ALSO PROVIDE NOTE OR WRITTEN RESPONSE TO HIS LAST COMMUNICATION IN ORDER TO EASE AND MAKE MORE PRECISE HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER GOA OFFICIALS.

2. AS HIS FIRST REACTIONS TO SUBSTANCE OF USG REPLY AND AGREEMENT TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS, TETTAMANTI GAVE THE FOLLOWING: (A) US DESIRE TO MAINTAIN DISCUSSIONS AT INTERGOVERNMENTAL LEVEL ONLY IS COMPLETELY UNDERSTANDABLE POSITION AND DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A PROBLEM FOR GOA; (B) GOA VERY PROBABLY CAN AGREE TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON ON NOVEMBER 19; (C) USG REITERATION OF ITS POSITION CONCERNING VALIDITY NOW AND IN FUTURE OF MEMORANDUM OF CONSULTATION AND RESTATEMENT THAT USG HAS NEVER AGREED TO STAND STILL PERIOD OR MORATORIUM IN IMPLEMENTATING MEMORANDUM ARE POSSIBLY MATTERS OF CONCERN. IF, AT THE BEGINNING OF ANY DISCUSSIONS GOA SHOULD FIND THE US HOLDING TO ITS POSITION AS REFLECTED IN THE MEMORANDUM WHILE THAT OF GOA IS NOW AT VARIANCE WITH CONTENTS OF MEMORANDUM, AND THIS SITUATION WERE TO BE MAINTAINED, NEW DIS-

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CUSSIONS WOULD FACE DANGER OF FAILURE AND ACCOMPANYING PUBLICITY WOULD NOT BE A POSITIVE ELEMENT IN IMPROVING PRESENTLY "GOOD,

BUT SENSITIVE" RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. GOA FEELS, ACCORDING TO TETTAMANTI, THAT TO PROMISE REASONABLE DEGREE OF SUCCESS IT SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD ON BOTH SIDES THAT, WITHOUT IGNORING EITHER 1972 MEMORANDUM, OR DEVELOPMENTS IN BILATERAL CIVAIR RELATIONS DURING RECENT MONTHS OR PRESENT SITUATION, NEW DISCUSSIONS SHOULD START FROM SQUARE ONE IN ESTABLISHING DURABLE BASIS FOR CIVAIR RELATIONSHIPS.

3. NOTING THAT THERE HAS BEEN A GOOD DEAL OF DISCUSSION IN OFFICIAL CIRCLES, SOME OF WHICH HAS REACHED BUENOS AIRES' PRESS, CONCERNING A POSSIBLE NEW ROLE FOR ARGENTINE AIR FORCE IN GOA'S CIVAIR POLICY MAKING, DCM ASKED TETTAMANTI'S OPINION ON WHETHER ASSIGNMENTS OF RESPONSIBILITY IN GOA GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE WOULD BE COMPLETED BEFORE MID-NOVEMBER. TETTAMANTI RESPONDED PROMPTLY AND DECISIVELY STATING THAT HE FELT CERTAIN THAT TEAM FIELDDED BY GOA TO CARRY OUT CIVAIR DISCUSSIONS WITH US WOULD BE ONE CARRYING FULL AUTHORITY TO COMMIT GOA AT TIME OF DISCUSSIONS AND FOR CONSIDERABLE PERIOD INTO THE FUTURE; ALTHOUGH HE CONCEDED OUR CONCERN WAS LEGITIMATE.

4. EMBASSY IS PREPARING NOTE FOR FOREIGN OFFICE BASED ON REFTEL AND EXPECTS TO DELIVER SAME OCTOBER 17.
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